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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Frederick N. Richardson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 28 years of dedicated service as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Cayuga Centers on September 22, 2016

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Frederick N. Richardson has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Frederick N. Richardson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 28 years of dedicated service as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Cayuga Centers, to be celebrated at a Celebration of Service Dinner on Thursday, September 22, 2016, at The Springside Inn, Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Cayuga Centers is a network of services geared to supporting youth, families, and individuals who need help meeting the diverse challenges of life; this extraordinary organization helps to grow independent, healthy, productive citizens through quality counseling and residential and support services in partnership with government agencies and other service providers; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Frederick N. Richardson became a member of the Board of Trustees of Cayuga Centers, then called Cayuga Home for Children; he has served as Chairperson since 1997, guiding the organization through numerous changes and expansion to a multi-service agency with programs throughout Central New York State, New York City, Florida and Delaware; and

WHEREAS, Focusing on public service as his career path, Frederick N. Richardson began as a Police Officer in the Auburn Police Department; he worked for the New York State Department of Corrections for 30 years, starting as a Corrections Officer, and moving up the ranks to become Superintendent of the Cayuga Correctional Facility before retiring in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Frederick N. Richardson has been the recipient of numerous accolades and awards including a Key to the City of Auburn in 1990, the Distinguished Citizen Award, and in 2008, the Works of Love Award from Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Frederick N. Richardson served his community by supporting numerous agencies, and sitting on the boards of more than a dozen human services organizations, including The Auburn Education Foundation, the Cayuga County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Harriet Tubman Home, Inc., Red Cross, and YMCA-WEIU; he has also served as Executive Director of the Auburn Human Rights Commission since 2010; and

WHEREAS, Frederick N. Richardson has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Frederick N. Richardson has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Frederick N. Richardson has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commend Frederick N. Richardson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 28 years of dedicated service as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees at Cayuga Centers on September 22, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Frederick N. Richardson.